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LAUSD Teacher Charged with Child Abuse

A fourth grade teacher at Rosewood Elementary School in Los Angeles was charged today with one count of child abuse for allegedly placing a plastic bag over a student's head in class, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Thelmo Garcia (dob 8/18/77) is scheduled to be arraigned today at the Foltz Criminal Justice Center, Department 30, in case BA434476. He is being held on \$100,000 bail.

Deputy District Attorney Samuel Hulefeld with the Family Violence Division is handling the case.

Garcia allegedly placed a plastic bag over a 10-year-old girl's head during class on Feb. 5. After several seconds, he removed the bag.

If convicted, he faces up to six years in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.